



James Drummond

May 11, 2011

Obituary of James Drummond

James D. Drummond, 83, The Villages, FL, formerly of Fayetteville, NC, peacefully passed away in the compassionate care of Cornerstone Hospice. Born in Rocky Mount, NC, he was one of ten children and is survived by brother Harold Drummond of Wilson, NC. James committed at an early age to pursue a military career which spanned three major wars. He was a Navy veteran of WWII and a highly decorated Army combat veteran of the Korean and the Vietnam Wars, proudly serving from 1944 to 1972, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at Ft. Bragg, NC. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, a Combat Infantryman's Badge and Senior Parachutist Badge. Colonel Drummond's military service to his country was annotated in the U.S. Congressional Records in 2008. He assisted author Neil Sheehan in the writing of his Pulitzer prize winning book on the American involvement in Vietnam, 'A Bright Shining Lie'.

Upon leaving the military, James established and owned the first Century 21 Real Estate company in Fayetteville, NC; served as the President of the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club and several other local clubs and associations. Throughout his lifetime, with wife Peggy of 55 years, he enjoyed their many

extensive travels, their grandchildren and entertaining friends. His firm belief was a good Western movie could never be seen too many times.

James' life dedication was: country, family, friends, integrity and always a willingness to help others.

Survivors include: his beloved wife Peggy, daughter Gail and husband John Jirik of Gloucester, VA; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL with full military honors conducted by the American Legion, Post #347 of Lady Lake, FL and officiated by Pastor Zimmerman. To follow in procession, please meet at Beyers Funeral Home no later than 9:45 a.m. Following the Service, at 1:00 p.m. the family welcomes visitation at the home. If so wished, memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ Peggy, My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I pray the wonderful memories you made together, and the feeling of God's arms wrapped around you, will sustain and guide you through the days ahead. God Bless You, Thelma

Thelma Wells - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Peggy, Our deepest sympathy ...May your heart find healing in all the cherished memories that you and James shared. May you find confort in the thoughts and prayers of those who care about you. Our neighbor and friend, Joe and Juliette

Joe & Juliette Testa - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I will always remember Jim for the gentlemanly ways and his love for you Peggy.

Marti Pollard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Aunt Peggy and Cousin Gail, Ted and I are so sorry that we could not be there for you at this time. I know that you are going to miss Uncle J.D. so very much. I'm going to miss him as well even though (due to distance) I didn' see him very much in the last few years. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers always. Love and God Bless, Peggy and Ted

Peggy Beverly - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Peggy, When I returned this week from a short trip and read of Jim's passing, I was saddened. He and I were in the LaFayette Kiwanis Club together here in Fayetteville and Jim was just a very kind individual. I am sorry to have lost contact with him over these last years but want you and your family to know how much I thought of him and so sorry for your loss.

Richard Alligood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ My brother always spoke with the greatest respect and compassion for his father-in-law. I wish that I could have met this wonderful person as well. Please accept our families heartfelt sympathy for our family's loss. Jim is a great American, a wonderful father, husband and friend to all who knew him.

Frank Jirik - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ My prayers and sympathy are with Peggy and Jim's family at this time. I know that Jim's family and friends have wonderful memories as do I.

Frank Weaver, Fayetteville, NC - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of COL Drummond. It is obvious that he was a great American and Patriot as well as a family man. Bill Bowers

Bill and Brenda Bowers - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *My love and prayers are with you all. My Uncle JD was an exceptional man and this world will miss a true hero but heaven has gained a great warrior.*

Sue Gardner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Peggy--My heart goes out to you at this sad time. James was a "gentleman" the kind you meet rarely and never forget. My prayers are with you and your family .Joanne*

Joanne Hassel - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Drummond*

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